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AN ACT to amend Chapter 796 of the Private Acts of 1947; as amended by Chapter 543 of the Private Acts of 1951; Chapter 274 of the Private Acts of 1967 and Chapter 254 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the town of Liberty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 796 of the Private Acts of 1947; as amended by Chapter 543 of the Private Acts of 1951; Chapter 274 of the Private Acts of 1967 and Chapter 254 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting the second and third paragraphs of Section 4 and substituting instead the following:

At the election to be held on the first Thursday in August, 2000, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected three (3) aldermen to fill the offices now held by the present aldermen whose terms expire in August, 2000. The three (3) aldermen so elected shall hold their respective offices for a term of four (4) years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. At the election to be held on the first Thursday in August, 2001, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected a

person to fill the office of mayor and two (2) aldermen to fill the offices now held by the present mayor and aldermen whose terms expire in August, 2001. The mayor and two (2) aldermen so elected shall hold their respective offices for a term of four (4) years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The board of mayor and aldermen, after each of their respective elections, shall take office on or before the first succeeding Monday night, at which time the board shall meet, organize and begin the discharge of its duties; provided, however, that the mayor and aldermen currently holding office shall continue to serve until the Monday following the third Saturday in August, being the term to which they were elected, and their immediate successors shall take office on or before the Monday following the third Saturday in August 2000 and 2001. Thereafter, all mayors and aldermen shall take office on or before the first Monday night succeeding the first Thursday in August.

SECTION 2. Chapter 796 of the Private Acts of 1947; as amended by Chapter 543 of the Private Acts of 1951; Chapter 274 of the Private Acts of 1967 and Chapter 254 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting from the first sentence of Section 5 the language "two (2) years" and substituting instead the language "four (4) years".

SECTION 3. Chapter 796 of the Private Acts of 1947; as amended by Chapter 543 of the Private Acts of 1951; Chapter 274 of the Private Acts of 1967 and Chapter 254 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by adding the following new section:

Section _____. The town council shall have the authority to authorize a payment to each alderman for the alderman's attendance at council meetings. Such payment shall not exceed forty-five dollars (\$45.00), may not be paid to an alderman more often than once a month and is conditioned on the alderman's attendance at the regular monthly council meeting.

If the council votes to authorize payment to the aldermen, such payment shall not take effect until after the next regular election for aldermen following such authorization vote has occurred.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the town of Liberty. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of such legislative body and certified by such officer to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.